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TAGS: SENV, PLOS, IMCD, EWWT

SUBJ: 1973 CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF  
POLLUTION FROM SHIPS

1. IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION IS CLOSE TO FINAL FORM AND  
WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS IN NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS.  
CONVENTION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS CONCURRENTLY FOR  
ADVICE AND CONSENT. AT THAT TIME, DEPT WILL SEND GENERAL  
INFORMATION ON CONVENTION TO ADDRESSEES AND OTHER POSTS.  
PURPOSE OF THIS CABLE IS TO RAISE ONE SPECIFIC QUESTION  
WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS.

2. THE CONVENTION CONTAINS 20 ARTICLES SPECIFYING JURIS-  
DICTION, CERTAIN SPECIFIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES, AMENDMENT  
PROCEDURES, ETC. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE FIVE TECHNICAL  
ANNEXES WHICH CONTAIN REGULATIONS ON VESSEL  
DISCHARGES AND OTHER OPERATIONS, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPMENT,  
ETC. THE ARTICLES APPLY THE CONVENTION INCLUDING THE FIRST  
TWO ANNEXES (ANNEXES III, IV, AND V ARE OPTIONAL)  
TO ALL SHIPS OPERATING IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT. THUS, ON  
ITS FACE, THE CONVENTION WOULD APPLY EVEN TO SMALL VESSELS  
OPERATING EXCLUSIVELY IN INTERNAL WATERS. HOWEVER, IT IS  
OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE INTENT OF THE NEGOTIATORS  
REGARDING ANNEXES I AND II WAS TO APPLY THEM ONLY TO SEA-

GOING VESSELS. IN FACT, MANY OF THE REGULATIONS MAY BE  
TECHNICALLY INAPPROPRIATE TO APPLY TO VESSELS  
USING RIVERS, LAKES OR OTHER INTERNAL WATERS.  
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3. EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO CONSULT HOST GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE IF THEY AGREE WITH U.S. UNDERSTAND-  
ING. IF OUR UNDERSTANDING IS CORRECT, WE WILL FILE AN  
INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT AT TIME OF RATIFICATION. DEPT  
WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSES BY MARCH 15, 1977.  
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